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Lantos Announces \$15 Million in Federal Funds for San Francisco Airport Security

Washington, DC – Congressman Tom Lantos (D-San Mateo/San Francisco) today announced that San Francisco International Airport (SFO) was awarded \$15 million to complete the new baggage screening system.

“I am delighted that I could help bring these much needed funds for this major security improvement for our airport,” said Congressman Lantos. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has signed a contract with the San Francisco Airport Commission to provide \$15 million to complete the permanent in-line Explosives Detection System (EDS). This new baggage screening system will efficiently and conveniently provide maximum security for travelers and the airport. SFO has led the way in development of this system and is using an innovative approach that has served as a model for other airports.

Congressman Lantos has worked for many months in urging TSA officials to make these funds available to the San Francisco airport, and the effort has involved the cooperation and support of key members of the Bay Area Congressional delegation – Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-San Francisco), Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher (D-Alamo) and California’s Senators Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer.

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